

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

- **Please replace paragraph 0030 with the amended paragraph below:**

-- [0030] Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, the frame assembly 12 includes an upper frame 24 pivotally connected to a lower frame 26. Preferably, a pair of hub assemblies 28, 30 are used to connect upper and lower frames 24, 26. An intermediate frame 32 is pivotally connected to the upper frame 24 at bends 34, 36 (curved portions). These pivotal connections support intermediate frame 32 in its deployed position and permit the frame assembly 12 to fold substantially flat, as shown in Fig. 2. --

- **Please replace paragraph 0034 with the amended paragraph below:**

-- [0034] The lower frame 26 preferably includes L-shaped left and right members 52, 54 having respective forward ends 56, 58 removably connected to second receptacles 60, 62 in any conventional manner. Preferably, second receptacles 60, 62 (Fig. 3) are integrally formed with second housings 64, 66 of the hub assemblies 28, 30. A pivot 68 (Fig. 4) connects the respective rearward ends 70, 72 of the left and right members 52, 54. The pivot 68 permits folding of the lower frame 26 so that the forward ends 56, 58 are adjacent one another. Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate frame 26 of the preferred embodiment in a deployed and folded position. When folded, ends 56, 58 extend inwardly of their respective ends 70, 72 and may be positioned adjacent to each other, as shown in Fig. ~~54a~~ 54a, or they may overlap each other. In the folded position, a length dimension A of the lower frame 26 may be defined by the distance between bends 112 and 114 of the lower frame 26. Alternatively, length dimension A may be defined by the distance between ends 56, 58, which would correspond to members 54, 52 overlapping each other when lower frame 26 is folded. When deployed, ends 56, 58 extend outwardly from ends

70, 72. The distance between ends 56, 58 define a length dimension B which approximates the overall width of bouncer seat 10 when configured for use. As will be readily understood by the skilled artisan and which is also readily apparent from the examples of the preferred embodiment (e.g., by comparing Figs. 5 and 6), by providing pivot 68, there results a significant reduction in overall shipping size, thereby reducing costs in shipping of the bouncer seat 10 to an end purchaser. Pivot 68 is preferably formed by providing receiving holes in ends 70, 72 and positioning each of the respective holes on top of each other so as to define a through hole for a fastener. The fastener may correspond to a threaded fastener with a locking nut, a pin, a screw in a plastic retainer or any other suitably type of fastener which permits rotational motion between members 54 and 52. Preferably, a threaded fastener with a nut is used. In operation, lower frame 26 is may be positioned in the folded position (e.g., Fig. 5) when packaged. At the point of purchase, a consumer may then be instructed to rotate lower frame 26 to the unfolded position. Once this operation is complete, a consumer may then insert ends 56, 58 into their respective receptacles 60, 62. Button fasteners, or other similar fasteners, can secure the forward ends 56, 58 in the second receptacles 60, 62. --

- **Please replace paragraphs 0040, 0041, and 0042 with the amended paragraphs below:**

-- [0040] Figs. 11 and 12 show enlarged views of the left bend 34 and the intermediate frame 32 in the use position (Fig. 11) and the folded position (Fig. 12). The left bend 34 is preferably a serpentine bend and includes a first section 102, a second section 104 and a third section 106. The ends 108, 110 of the intermediate frame 32 wrap around the upper frame 24 by forming an eyelet in intermediate frame 32, only the left end 108 is shown in Figs. ~~119~~ and ~~1210~~. The bend 34 provides a section of frame which protrudes forwardly relative to the portion

of frame extending above bend 34. By providing a bend in upper frame 24, a support surface (e.g., section 104) for intermediate frame 32 may be provided when intermediate frame 32 is cantilevered from upper frame 24 (Fig. 911). Additionally, outwardly extending bend 342 allows intermediate frame 32 to be rotated about bend 34 at section 104 so that intermediate ~~framesection 324~~ may be laid substantially flat against upper frame 24 (see Figs. 120 and 2). Preferably, the lower end of left end~~bend~~ 40 of upper frame 24 extends outwardly below bend 34. This extension prevents intermediate ~~framesection 32~~ from slipping off of bend 34. Upper frame 24 may also be constructed as a three piece frame. For example, the generally U-shaped seat back portion 38 may be removable from bends 34, 36 just above section 106 (a similar connection could be provided at bend 36) and securable to bend 34 by a pin or other type of fastener. This alternative embodiment could be employed if it is desirable to further reduce the packaging size of bouncer seat 10. Other methods of pivotally attaching the intermediate frame 32 to the upper frame 24 are possible, such as a pin connection between upper frame 24 and intermediate frame 32, a housing assembly secured to upper frame 24 which rotatably receives intermediate frame 32. Intermediate frame 32 can also include a similarly shaped eyelet which is positioned to rest against a bump formed in upper frame 24 to support intermediate frame 32 as a cantilever.

[0041] In the preferred embodiment, the left end 108 of the intermediate frame 32 contacts the top of the first section 102 and the bottom of the second section 104 when the intermediate frame 32 is in the use position (see Fig. 11). This contact provides sufficient support for the intermediate frame 32 to extend as a cantilever from the upper frame 24. The left end 108 of the intermediate frame 32 lies along the third section 106 when the intermediate frame 32 is in the folded position (see Fig. 12). As mentioned above, the offset provided by the

bends 34, 36 permits the intermediate frame 32 and lower frame 26 to lie substantially flat with respect to the upper frame 24 when the frame assembly 12 is folded (see, e.g., Fig. 2). While the preferred embodiment discloses a serpentine bend, other shapes can be used to provide the same or similar function (for example, a housing, as mentioned above). The right bend 36 is identical in shape and function to the left bend 34 and cooperates with the right end 110 of the intermediate frame 32.

[0042] The left and right members 52, 54 can be L-shaped with bends 112, 114 formed between the long and short legs. The bends 112, 114 create an angled clearance between the support surface and the lower frame 26 (see, e.g., Fig. ~~32~~). This clearance is provided so that lower frame 26 will flex during use, thereby providing a bouncing motion. This frame design is preferred because it simplifies the design of the hub assemblies 28, 30 (bouncing motion need not be provided by hub assemblies 28, 30). --